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Melendy Britt

Melendy Britt (born **Harriet Melendy**;[1] 1943 or 1944[2]) is an American actress. She is best known for her voice work in animation, particularly for voicing She-Ra in the 1985 animated series *She-Ra: Princess of Power* and for her extensive work in various Filmation productions. Britt has also appeared in live-action television and film roles, contributing to a diverse body of work throughout her career since the 1970s. [3]

Melendy Britt

Britt in 2026

Born	Harriet Melendy 1943 or 1944 (age 82–83)
Occupation	Actress
Years active	1967–present
Children	2

Early years

Britt was born Harriet Melendy[1] in North Carolina and moved to Texas with her family in 1949.[2] Her mother remarried after a divorce from her merchant-mariner father.[4] She gained early experience on children's television[2] and began performing on stage when she was 12 years old.[4] Venues included the Alley Theater and The Playhouse in Houston.[2] While she was a student at Lamar High School in Houston, she appeared regularly on the program *Teen Time Party* on KPRC-TV.[5] In the summer of 1961 she was one of a dozen apprentices who learned various aspects of theatrical production at the Alley Theatre in Houston.[6] She graduated from Lamar in 1961.[7]

Career

Britt's most notable animated work is for Filmation, voicing characters such as She-Ra, and the second animated Batgirl (Jane Webb was the first).[8][9][10][11] She also provided the voice for Penny, would-be love interest and aide to Plastic Man on *The Plastic Man Comedy/Adventure Show*, which was produced by Ruby-Spears. She was also the voice of Kanna in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

On television Britt was seen in *Then Came Bronson*[12] and *The Psychiatrist*.[1] She also appeared in three different roles in three episodes of *The Rockford Files*, and on *Cheers* she played Kelly Gaines' mother, Roxanne Gaines, in the episode "Woody or Won't He". Her film credits include roles in *Gray Lady Down* (1978) and *Being There* (1979).

Britt portrayed an alcoholic mother in "Francesca, Baby", an episode of *ABC Afterschool Special* in October 1976.[13]

Britt's work on stage included performing in the farce-comedy *Once Over Nightly* at the On Broadway theater in San Francisco.[14] and in the musical comedy *Bottoms Up '68* at the Hotel Sahara-Tahoe.[15] Her work in *Carnival* at the Playhouse in Houston led a critic to write, "Harriet Melendy, as The Incomparable Rosalie, a jealous beauty with a troublesome liaison, is another solid hit — a definite wow in the show's funniest song, 'Here's to a Son', let us say."[16]

Personal life

She married singer Jimmy Britt, and they had two children.[2]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1970	*The Lawyer*	Ann Greer	
1978	*Gray Lady Down*	Liz Bennett	
1979	*Being There*	Sophie	
1985	*The Secret of the Sword*	Adora/She-Ra, Catra, Hunga the Harpy	Voice
	Girls of the Moulin Rouge	Narrator	Documentary
2015	*Hotel Transylvania 2*	Additional voices	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1970	*Then Came Bronson*	Marcia Ford	Episode: "The Mountain"
1971	*The Interns*	Rose	Episode: "Changes"
	Men at Law	Tina Edwards	Episode: "Yesterday Is But a Dream"
	Sarge	Candy Mills	Episode: "Psst! Wanna Buy a Dirty Picture?"
	Longstreet	Lenore Crowley	Episode: "The Girl with the Broom"
1971–1972	*Mannix*	Various roles	3 episodes
1972	*The Brian Keith Show*	Claire Wells	Episode: "Little Boy Flu"
1973	*Ironside*	Rona Bartlet	Episode: "A Special Person"
1974	*Kojak*	Joan Marly	Episode: "Slay Ride"
	Police Woman	Mary Kay	Episode: "Requiem for Bored Wives"
1975	*They Only Come Out at Night*	Mrs. Owens	Television film
1975–1977	*The Rockford Files*	Various roles	3 episodes
1976	*Bronk*	Beth	Episode: "Target: Unknown"
	Family	Mrs. Richardson	Episode: "Monday Is Forever"
	The Tony Randall Show	Mrs. Jenkins	Episode: "Pilot"
	ABC Afterschool Special	Various roles	2 episodes
	Starsky & Hutch	Janice Drew	Episode: "The Specialist"
1977	*The New Adventures of Batman*	Barbara Gordon / Batgirl / Catwoman	Voice, 16 episodes
1978	*Barnaby Jones*	Phyllis Hunter	Episode: "Deadly Sanctuary"
	The Love Boat	Georgina	1 episode
1978–1979	*Tarzan and the Super 7*	Batgirl / Catwoman	Voice, 33 episodes
1979–1980	*The Plastic Man Comedy/Adventure Show*	Penny / Chief	Voice, 19 episodes
1979–1982	*The New Adventures of Flash Gordon*	Princess Aura	Voice, 24 episodes
1980	*Mother and Daughter: The Loving War*	Dinah Drake	Television film
	The Incredible Hulk	Joan Singer	Episode: "Deathmask"
	Reunion	Evelyn Hollander	Television film

	A Snow White Christmas	Wicked Queen	Voice; television film
1981	*Taxi*	Janine	Episode: "Jim Joins the Network"
1981–1982	*Shannon*	Patty	2 episodes
1982	*Flash Gordon: The Greatest Adventure of All*	Princess Aura	Voice, television film
1984	*Matt Houston*	Sheila	Episode: "Stolen"
1985	*The Transformers*	Alana	Voice, episode: "Sea Change"
	He-Man & She-Ra: A Christmas Special	Adora, She-Ra, Catra, Mermista, Castaspella, Octavia, Hunga, Jewlestar	Voice, television film
1985–1987	*She-Ra: Princess of Power*		Voice, 93 episodes
1986	*Falcon Crest*	Skylar Kimball	2 episodes
1990	*Cheers*	Roxanne Gaines	Episode: "Woody or Won't He"
1992	*Life Goes On*	Colette Swanson	Episode: "Corky's Romance"
1993	*Star*	Priscilla Barclay	Television film
1994	*Weird Science*	Marcia Donnelly	5 episodes
2000	*Gilmore Girls*	Gloria	Episode: "Kill Me Now"
2001	*Jack & Jill*	Cecilia Barrett	Episode: "Caution: Parents Crossing"
2003	*The Wild Thornberrys*	Fox	Voice, episode: "Sir Nigel: Part 2"
2005	*Avatar: The Last Airbender*	Kanna	Voice, 2 episodes
	The Young and the Restless	Dr. Carlene Woods	2 episodes
2013	*Last Man Standing*	Dolores	Episode: "The Fight"
2017	*Michael Jackson's Halloween*	Bernice	Voice; television film

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